

Parliamentary Budget Office

Section 1: Entity overview and resources

1.1 Strategic direction statement

The purpose of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) is to inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy, and the financial implications of proposals. Our vision of enriching Australia's democracy through independent budget and fiscal analysis drives everything we do.

Our work includes supporting the Parliament by providing non-partisan analysis and information that is factual and evidence based. We also publish self-initiated research and information papers on the budget, to improve public understanding of fiscal policy and budget policy issues, and to enhance transparency around the financial implications of election commitments.

The PBO is a trusted partner that acts with integrity, transparency, discretion, and mutual respect. We strive for excellence by continuously improving and innovating to provide high-quality, useful and timely information, tailored to the needs of our clients.

To support the 2023-24 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) and in accordance with section 64Q of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, the Parliamentary Budget Officer, in consultation with the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, will prepare a work plan for the PBO setting out:

- the priorities for the PBO for the 2023-24 financial year
- protocols for the allocation of the resources for the PBO during the financial year

This information will be incorporated into the PBO's 2023-24 Corporate Plan, to be released before 31 August 2023.

Ahead of the release of the 2023-24 Corporate Plan, section 2 of the 2023-24 PB Statements provides detail on the PBO's outcome and planned performance.

1.2 Entity resource statement

Table 1.1 shows the total funding from all sources. The table summarises how resources will be applied to the PBO.

Information in this table is presented on a resourcing (that is, appropriations/cash available) basis, whilst the 'Budgeted expenses for its Outcome' table in Section 2 and the financial statements in Section 3 are presented on an accrual basis.

Table 1.1: PBO resource statement — Budget estimates for 2023-24 as at Budget May 2023

	<i>2022-23 Estimated actual \$'000</i>	2023-24 Estimate \$'000
Departmental		
Annual appropriations - ordinary annual services (a)		
Prior year appropriations available	4,654	4,654
Departmental appropriation	8,823	9,137
Total departmental annual appropriations	13,477	13,791
Total departmental resourcing	13,477	13,791
	<i>2022-23</i>	2023-24
Average staffing level (number)	44	44

All figures shown above are GST exclusive - these may not match figures in the cash flow statement.

Prepared on a resourcing (i.e. appropriations available) basis.

(a) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1).